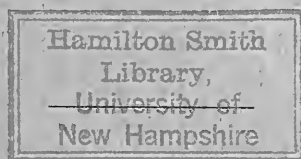


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Town Officers.



Moderator,

FRED P. KNOX.

Selectmen,

CHARLES W. SANBORN,

LOUIS P. LADD.

DOW CHASE,

Treasurer,

DANIEL W. LADD.

Town Clerk,

GEORGE A. GILMORE.

Tax Collector,

JOSEPH A. EDGERLY.

Supervisors of Check List,

MATTHEW HARVEY,

FRANK J. HOLT.

JAMES R. WRIGHT,

Board of Health,

GEORGE A. GILMORE,

ALBERT C. BUSWELL.

JOSEPH O. ROSS,

School Board,

FRED P. KNOX,

WILLIAM S. MASON.

ABRAM W. MITCHELL,

Treasurer of School District,

JENNESS S. SMITH.

Public Library Trustees,

EDWIN C. SANBORN,

WALTER P. SANBORN.

JOHN S. OSGOOD,

Librarian,

FANNIE E. OSGOOD.

Auditors,

THOMAS C. FOLSOM,

JOSEPH O. ROSS.

Police Officers,

DANIEL C. BARTLETT,

FRANK W. OSGOOD.

Valuation and Appropriations.

VALUATION.

417 polls,	\$41,700 00
Land and buildings,	529,465 00
303 horses,	24,590 00
3 mules,	250 00
20 oxen,	1,140 00
364 cows,	10,035 00
83 other neat stock,	1,401 00
57 sheep,	222 00
12 hogs,	120 00
Carriages and automobiles,	2,075 00
Stock in banks,	1,386 00
Money on hand and at interest,	3,000 00
Stock in trade,	94,745 00
Mills, machinery, etc.,	33,700 00
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	\$743,829 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	\$1,470 00
County tax,	2,135 00
Town expenses,	3,000 00
Roads and bridges,	2,750 00
High school, by law, \$400, additional, \$400,	800 00
Common schools, by law, \$2,205, additional, \$400,	2,605 00
Repairs on school houses,	100 00

Heating apparatus for academy,	\$450 00
Public library,	100 00
Decorating soldiers' graves,	75 00
Winding church clock,	15 00
Overlay,	260 83
Water district tax,	200 00
Overlay,	13 58
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	\$13,974 41

Statement of Town Debt.

LIABILITIES FEBRUARY 15, 1908.

Notes held against the town,	\$6,524 00
Accrued interest on same,	37 36
R. H. Smith trust fund,	2,206 86
Mrs. Noyes “	200 00
L. J. Brock “	100 00
H. M. Jones “	100 00
Hannah Durgin “	100 00
Mary S. Burnham “	50 00
Lydia W. Ladd “	1,000 00
Balance of 1907 dog tax,	215 40
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	\$10,533 62

ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1908,	\$3,079 39
Due from W. H. Tilton, uncollected taxes, 1902,	100 00
“ “ “ 1903,	370 00
“ “ “ 1904,	248 90
“ “ “ 1905,	402 95
“ J. A. Edgerly, “ 1907,	251 33
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	\$4,452 57
Present debt,	\$6,081 05
Town debt Feb. 15, 1907,	\$8,229 08
Decrease of debt during year,	\$2,081 05

Selectmen's Report.

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DR.

Cash in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 15, 1907,	\$2,751 79
Uncollected taxes, 1902,	100 00
“ “ 1903,	370 00
“ “ 1904,	248 90
“ “ 1905,	402 95
“ “ 1906,	200 00
W. R. Bunker, note,	925 00
From State, railroad tax,	778 75
savings bank tax,	1,350 55
literary fund,	95 77
proportion of school fund,	275 00
school tuition,	6 88
State road money,	398 52
State license money,	704 78
County, department soldiers and poor,	1,348 05
Police Court, fines,	13 00
Rent of Town Hall,	134 40
Trust fund interest, estate L. W. Ladd,	95 16
Dog licenses,	233 40
From John Dame, money paid last year on ac-	
count of Hattie Plumer,	5 00
From Dr. A. W. Mitchell, for crushed rock,	5 00
Taxes assessed and committed,	13,974 41
Money hired,	2,000 00
	\$26,417 31

By orders issued :

Dependent soldiers,	\$900 85
Poor,	481 50
Town officers,	722 50
Town hall,	411 98
Board of Health,	38 09
Schools,	4,047 32
Miscellaneous,	442 16
State tax,	1,470 00
County tax,	2,135 09
Public library,	100 00
Trust funds interest,	77 23
Notes and interest,	4,831 36
Street lights,	296 03
Dog damage,	18 00
Brown tail moths,	688 17
Police, and care of tramps,	128 35
Police court,	136 10
Water District tax,	300 00
Abatements,	175 88
Snow bills,	206 18
Roads and bridges,	1,740 60
New state road,	2,038 35
Tuition for out of town schools,	33 33
Heating Watson Academy,	500 00
Uncollected taxes, 1902,	100 00
“ “ 1903,	370 00
“ “ 1904,	248 90
“ “ 1905,	402 95
“ “ 1907,	251 33
Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 15, 1908,	3,079 39
Property sold to the town at Collector's sale,	45 67

\$26,417 31

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

Geo. F. Folsom, supplies for Mary A. Clough,	\$102 00
“ “ “ Abbie S. Johnson,	85 00
“ “ “ Otis J. Prescott,	76 50
Hiram Weeks, conveying body of E. G. Harvey to Nottingham,	3 00
J. H. Holt, wood for G. W. Brackett,	4 50
J. F. Hartford, wood for Abbie S. Johnson,	8 00
John Leddy & Co., supplies for James A. Moses,	52 00
“ “ “ Mary B. Coffin,	78 00
“ “ “ G. H. Pike and wife,	84 00
“ “ “ Abner Ring,	10 00
Geo. F. Folsom, supplies for Dennis Johnson,	6 00
A. D. Brown, casket for “ “	15 00
F. D. Willey, wood for Abbie S. Johnson,	7 50
W. C. Brown, “ Mary B. Coffin,	6 00
“ “ “ George H. Pike,	3 10
“ “ “ Kate Carrigg,	1 00
F. D. Willey, “ Abbie S. Johnson,	3 00
“ “ “ Mary A. Clough,	2 50
Henry J. Eaton, sawing wood for K. Carrigg,	2 00
J. A. Edgerly, wood for K. Carrigg,	4 00
J. L. True & Son, supplies for Sarah Prescott,	46 00
“ “ “ Mrs. J. West,	10 00
“ “ “ Geo. W. Brackett,	70 00
J. E. Knight, wood for Mary A. Clough,	3 00
Fred Norris, “ “ “	6 25
“ “ “ Mary B. Coffin,	3 00
W. R. Morris, supplies for Richard S. Abbott,	52 00
B. L. Mitchell, wood for Kate Carrigg,	2 50
Est. G. S. Thompson, “ “ “	5 00
E. C. Sanborn, supplies for Ann Parks,	52 00
“ “ “ Geo. Mendum,	52 00
“ “ “ Kate Carrigg,	46 00

 \$900 85

POOR.

Geo. F. Folsom, supplies for Susan Jones,	\$76 50	
Fred Norris, wood for Hiram Tyler,	3 50	
John Leddy & Co., supplies for Tyler and Davis,	24 00	
E. C. Sanborn, " Charles McCoy,	52 00	
" " Sarah Coffin,	78 00	
Sarah F. Brackett, board of W. F. Durgin,	33 00	
John Leddy & Co., goods for Mrs. E. S. Shannon,	6 00	
Emma Letrune, nursing Mrs. Wyman,	5 50	
W. R. Morris, goods for Joseph Morrill,	8 00	
Dr. A. C. Buswell, medical attendance on County and Town poor and dependent soldiers and their widows, for one year as per contract,	195 00	
		\$481 50

TUITION PAID OUT-OF-TOWN SCHOOLS.

Harley Knox, Holderness school,	\$33 33
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STEAM HEAT FOR WATSON ACADEMY.

E. A. Prescott, contractor,	\$500 00
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ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Bert Parks, Surveyor, Dis. No. 1,	\$245 00
Edwin S. Folsom, " " 2,	184 05
William R. Brooks, " " 3,	41 75
William E. Burleigh, " " 4,	98 95
Matthew Harvey, " " 5,	112 00
Mark E. Gile, " " 6,	76 50
Daniel Slattery, " " 7,	85 00
Joshua Wiggin, " " 8,	118 50
George S. Rundlett, labor on streets and sidewalks,	21 20
A. R. Thompson, labor on sidewalks,	2 00
Geo. H. Miller, labor on highway, 1906,	46 01
E. C. Brown, gravel for highway, 1905, 1906, 1907,	32 00

A. H. Pike, labor on highway,	\$3 50
Fred Cassidy, " "	5 25
Benj. Pratt, making cobble gutters and walks,	102 22
R. E. Miller, labor on highway,	2 00
C. A. Bailey, stone dust and labor on sidewalk,	61 00
C. H. Pike, labor on road and sidewalk,	15 00
Fred Pratt, labor on sidewalk and gutters,	20 62
Charles Bly, labor on highway,	4 50
C. L. Allen, labor on bridge,	5 85
F. J. Holt, " Holt lane,	8 00
J. B. Proulx, " highway,	59 15
B. F. Worcester, lumber for bridge,	12 36
E. S. Folsom, labor on bridge, and material,	20 43
George A. Johnson, labor on highway,	38 25
E. Cutting, " sidewalk,	30 00
F. W. Brown, " bridge,	2 62
F. P. Dearborn, " "	3 83
F. W. Osgood, " "	3 85
Hiram Weeks, " highway, team,	6 60
Rockingham County Farm, labor on sewer,	14 00
John S. Ladd, tile and other supplies,	41 33
W. S. Whitehouse, labor on highway,	1 42
O. S. Langley, " " 1906,	50 16
Ladd Bros., bridge plank,	157 25
O. S. Langley, 60 loads gravel,	6 00
W. F. Buswell, labor on highway,	2 45
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\$1,740 60	

NEW STATE ROAD.

C. A. Bailey, contractor, for building State road,	\$1,791 70
C. A. Bailey, curbstones, etc., for sidewalks,	246 65
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\$2,038 35	

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SNOW BILLS.

J. S. Wells, breaking roads,	\$5 60
Fred Robinson, breaking roads,	2 01
Joshua Wiggin, “	30 00
Daniel Slattery, “	48 30
Geo. H. Miller, “	9 97
W. E. Burleigh, “	16 25
Peter Ladd, “	21 35
Mark Gile, “	21 40
W. S. Whitehouse, “	3 00
E. S. Folsom, “	20 00
J. D. Whittemore, “	24 75
W. R. Brooks, “	3 55
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	\$206 18

ABATEMENTS.

Sundry abatements of taxes for 1906 and 1907,	\$175 88
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WATER DISTRICT TAX.

G. A. Gilmore, balance of 1906 tax,	\$100 00
“ “ 1907 tax,	200 00
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	\$300 00

POLICE COURT.

J. O. Ross, making complaints and warrants,	\$3 00
D. C. Bartlett, costs in cases,	33 10
A. M. P. Pearson, salary as Judge,	100 00
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	\$136 10

NOTES AND INTEREST.

Paid Mary Smith, interest on note,	\$21 00
S. Helena Brown, note and interest,	160 60
Clara M. Ladd, “ “	523 33
Treas. Watson Academy, interest,	142 11
Sarah J. E. Ladd, “	9 10
Elenor Caswell, “	13 12

Paid Hattie Shaw,	note and interest,	\$112 55
Elizabeth A. Edgerly,	" "	802 42
Emily M. Edgerly,	" "	517 70
Joseph A. Edgerly,	" "	510 22
Caroline Edgerly,	" "	1,076 95
Annie E. Gile,	" "	828 33
Rowena L. Shepard,	" "	113 93
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		\$4,831 36

TRUST FUNDS.

Paid G. C. Stone,	interest on Smith fund,	\$45 01
A. J. Reynolds,	" "	25 72
W. P. Sanborn,	care of Brock lot,	3 50
J. J. Lane,	" Jones cemetery,	3 00
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		\$77 23

SCHOOLS.

Paid J. S. Smith,	Treasurer School District,	\$4,047 32
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BOARD OF HEALTH.

Joseph F. Kennard,	supplies for E. Downing,	\$10 00
George H. Swain,	milk for E. Lefevbre,	1 50
Mrs. N. Downing,	supplies for E. Downing,	4 00
W. R. Morris,	" E. Lefevbre,	14 34
Geo. A. Gilmore,	" Board of Health,	8 25
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\$38 09

POLICE AND TRAMPS.

D. C. Bartlett,	services as police and care of	
tramps,		\$102 20
F. W. Osgood,	care of tramps,	26 15
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\$128 35

BROWN TAIL MOTHS.

C. W. Sanborn,	cash paid for nests,	\$587 30
Dow Chase,	" " "	81 87
H. B. Pratt,	nests,	9 00
Herbert Kennard,	nests,	10 00
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275,268 nests at 25c per 100, \$688 17

DOG DAMAGES.

J. E. Knight, damage to sheep by dogs,	\$18 00
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STREET LIGHTS.

W. R. Brooks, lighting and care of lamps,	\$205 45
John Leddy & Co., oil for lamps,	36 12
Globe Gas Light Co., street lantern,	3 50
George Rowe, posts for lantern,	1 50
John S. Ladd, supplies for lantern,	5 94
E. C. Sanborn, oil for lantern,	43 52

\$296 03

STATE TAX.

Paid Solon A. Carter, State Treasurer,	\$1,470 00
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COUNTY TAX.

Paid John K. Bates, County Treasurer,	\$2,135 00
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PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid John S. Osgood, Treasurer Public Library,	\$100 00
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MISCELLANEOUS.

C. W. Sanborn, printing town reports,	\$45 00
W. H. Stickney, postage stamps,	8 00
State Industrial School, board of H. Caswell,	21 86
G. A. Gilmore, bonds for Treasurer and Collector,	32 00
G. A. Gilmore, dog license books,	2 50
F. P. Fisk, Decoration Day appropriation,	75 00
C. L. Allen, labor on Watson Academy,	17 10
John Leddy & Co., lime and cement for Wat- son Academy,	3 00
E. C. Eastman, blank books and supplies,	5 74
J. O. Ross, insurance on Town Hall,	60 00
G. A. Gilmore, " "	50 00
C. V. Swain, services at Camp Ground,	2 50
J. D. Whittemore, " "	2 50
J. B. Foss, " "	2 50
Exeter Fire Dept., " "	15 00

G. A. Tarbox, blacksmith work,	\$5 55
Dr. A. C. Buswell, recording births and deaths,	3 25
Dr. A. W. Mitchell, " " "	8 50
J. A. Edgerly, cost in advertising non-resident tax,	5 21
C. W. Sanborn, printing, postage and stationery,	17 60
Mabel J. Thompson, care of town clock,	15 00
" " Fogg donation,	6 00
C. R. Sanborn, services with hearse,	22 75
Geo. A. Gilmore, recording births and deaths,	15 60
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	\$442 16

TOWN OFFICERS.

J. O. Ross, Auditor,	\$3 00
T. C. Folsom, Auditor,	3 00
Matthew Harvey, Supervisor,	18 00
Dr. A. C. Buswell, Board of Health,	20 00
J. O. Ross, " "	20 00
G. A. Gilmore, " "	20 00
C. W. Sanborn, Selectman, Feb. 15 to March 12,	14 25
Dow Chase, " " "	14 25
J. S. Smith, School District Treasurer,	15 00
D. C. Bartlett, Truant Officer,	25 00
Dr. A. W. Mitchell, School Board,	15 00
Fred P. Knox, " "	15 00
William S. Mason, " "	15 00
D. W. Ladd, Town Treasurer and expenses,	65 00
C. W. Sanborn, services as Selectman,	95 00
Dow Chase, " "	95 00
Louis P. Ladd, " "	30 00
Geo. A. Gilmore, " Town Clerk,	40 00
J. A. Edgerly, Collector, 1906 and 1907,	200 00
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	\$722 50

In concluding their report, the Selectmen desire to call the attention of the tax-payers of the town to the town debt, which, as shown elsewhere in this report, is now only \$6,081.05. Moreover, consider the fact that the trust funds held by the town, as enumer-

ated on another page, were given to the town in trust on condition that the interest accruing on the same be expended by the town for the purposes specified, and therefore, strictly speaking, are not an actual debt. These funds now amount to the sum of \$3,756.86, and are included in the figures which represent the debt of the town. Deducting this sum we find that the actual debt is only \$2,324.19. In view of this, we think it would be wise for the town to cut down the appropriation this year, and thus ease up a little on the pockets of the tax-payers.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. SANBORN,	}	Selectmen of Epping.
DOW CHASE,		
LOUIS P. LADD,		

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, Auditors of the Town of Epping, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Treasurer of School District, Treasurer of Public Library, and Police Justice, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

THOMAS C. FOLSOM,	}	Auditors.
JOSEPH O. ROSS,		

Town Treasurer's Report.

DR.

Balance in my hands, Feb. 15, 1907,	\$2,746 99
Received from :	
Joseph A. Edgerly, on taxes, 1907,	13,574 41
Joseph A. Edgerly, " 1906,	174 00
W. R. Bunker note,	1,058 80
Selectmen,	10 00
Railroad tax,	778 75
Savings bank tax,	1,350 55
Literary fund,	95 77
Proportion of school fund,	275 00
State road money,	398 52
County dependents,	1,348 05
License money,	704 78
Police Court fines,	13 00
Rent of Town Hall,	134 40
Trust fund, estate of Lydia W. Ladd,	95 16
Geo. A. Gilmore, dog license money,	233 40
School tuition,	6 88
Trustees of Watson Academy,	1,500 00
Joseph A. Edgerly's note,	500 00
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	\$24,998 46

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By paid on Selectmen's orders,	\$21,919 07
Balance in my hands, Feb. 15, 1908,	3,079 39
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	\$24,998 46

DANIEL W. LADD, Treasurer.

Town Clerk's Report.

Received for licenses on dogs for the year 1907, as follows :

84 male dogs,	at \$2.00,	\$168 00
16 female “	at \$5.00,	80 00
3 spayed “	at \$2.00,	6 00
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		\$254 00
Reserved for fees,		\$20 60
Paid Town Treasurer,		233 40
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		\$254 00

GEORGE A. GILMORE, Town Clerk.

Report of Police Justice.



Report of the Police Court for the year ending February 15, 1908.

Whole number of cases tried,	14
Drunk,	8
False representation,	1
Assault,	1
Bastardy,	1
Neglect to maintain child,	1
Larceny,	1
Insulting language,	1
Amount of fines and costs due the town,	\$13 00

ALBERT M. P. PEARSON, Justice.

Library Report.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 1908.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF EPPING FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY :

Number of books loaned,	2,998
Books purchased,	62
Books donated,	18
Cards issued,	49
Total number of cards issued,	859
Whole number of books in library,	1,615
Book fines received,	\$8.51
Money received for catalogues,	.80

FANNIE E. OSGOOD, Librarian.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

1907.		
Feb. 15,	Balance from last year,	\$87 08
1908.		
Feb. 15,	To cash from Town Treasurer,	100 00
15,	“ “ Librarian, fines,	8 51
	“ “ “ catalogues,	80

\$196 39

EXPENDITURES.

1907.		
Mar. 1,	W. H. Stickney, poultry book,	\$1 50
June 22,	Postage stamps,	50
6,	DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books,	29 81

June 6,	Express on book,	\$0 45
12.	DeWolfe & Fiske Co., book,	2 50
	Express,	20
Oct. 9,	DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books,	36 76
	Freight,	25
	Express on donated books,	70
1908.		
Jan. 1,	Mae E. Osgood, cataloguing library and stationery,	5 00
Feb. 15,	C. W. Sanborn, catalogues,	40 00
	C. W. Sanborn, printing,	4 50
	Glue for library,	10
	Fannie E. Osgood, Librarian,	50 00
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		\$172 27
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	Cash to balance,	\$24 12

J. S. OSGOOD, Treasurer.

Report of the Board of Health.

TO THE SELECTMEN AND INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF EPPING, N. H. :—

In accordance with custom, the undersigned, members of the Board of Health of the Town of Epping, herewith submit a report of their doings for the year, together with a list of the number and character of the contagious diseases reported to the Board.

The general, every-day duties of the Health Officer increase from year to year, and at each successive gathering of the legislature new responsibilities are added, so that while there seems little work to be done in the absence of contagion, yet to a busy man there seems scarce time enough to fill in and find time properly to do all the things the Board are supposed to do, in a satisfactory manner. Physicians, nurses, and plain, every-day citizens, do not apparently keep posted as to their duties to the Commonwealth in a sanitary way. Tuberculous persons are not often enough reported in early stages, so that proper measures can be taken and advice given, looking toward the suppression and elimination of this dreaded disease.

People are careless of their sanitary surroundings until some loved one is stricken with typhoid, diphtheria or other possibly fatal, always fearful, disease. Why not come to the Health Board when you are well for advice and inspection instead of waiting until it may be too late to save your loved one's lives or from that suffering you have seen so much of.

It is the duty and privilege of the Health Officers to aid in the prevention of disease and to protect the well from those whose near presence may be a menace to any who may come in contact with them. The physician who keeps his families well is deserving of as much or more praise and certainly of as large a fee as the

one who simply helps his sick patient to again take his place among the workers.

The wise man takes his lesson to heart wherever he finds it, whether from experience, or culled from the dry and often dogmatic papers of a public official's report.

During the last year there have been 8 cases of measles, 6 of typhoid fever, 3 of cerebro spinal meningitis and 2 of scarlet fever.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. BUSWELL.
GEORGE A. GILMORE.
J. O. ROSS.

School Report.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EPPING SCHOOL DISTRICT.

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 28, 1907, Balance in my hands,	\$342 10
Received from Town Treasurer on Selectmen's orders :	
Appropriation for High School,	800 00
Appropriation for common schools by law,	2,205 00
Additional, for common schools,	400 00
Repairs on school houses,	100 00
Literary fund,	95 77
Dog license money,	171 55
Proportion of school fund,	275 00
For tuitions,	76 50
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	\$4,465 92

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Channing Folsom, Superintendent,	\$504 24
F. T. Johnson, Principal High School,	687 72
Flora M. Tuck, teaching,	384 00
Elsie M. Carter, "	317 00
Alice Wyman, "	237 00
Hannah Ahearn, "	200 00
Marietta Sides, "	180 00
Sara D. Queeny, "	171 00
Grace L. Russell, "	143 00
Ella F. Brown, "	72 00
Daisy E. Flanders, "	45 00
William S. Mason, "	12 00

Paid Conveying scholars,	\$815 00
Wood and coal,	157 70
Janitors,	108 50
Supplies,	110 32
Repairs,	88 93
Cleaning buildings,	26 30
Taking census,	18 00
Tuition,	12 50
Feb. 15, 1908, Balance in my hands,	175 71
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	\$4,465 92

JENNESS S. SMITH, School Treasurer.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD.

At a meeting of the School Board, held February 12, 1908, it was voted to accept the report of the Superintendent of Schools, and to adopt it as the report of the Board.

FRED P. KNOX,	} School Board.
WILLIAM S. MASON,	
A. W. MITCHELL,	

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EPPING :

Pursuant to your requirement I submit this report, it being my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools :

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1907-08.

Fall Term, September 3 to December 20, 16 weeks.

Winter Term, January 6 to February 28, 8 weeks.

Spring Term, March 23 to June 12, 12 weeks.

For the information of our citizens I show the sources of the various sums which make up the school money, and a summary of expenditures by departments.

RESOURCES.

Raised by town as required by law,	\$2,205 00
Additional amount voted by District for High school,	400 00
Additional amount voted by District for Common schools,	400 00
Raised in accordance with District by-law, for	
High school,	400 00
Received from Trustees of Watson Academy,	120 00
Literary fund from State,	96 38
For supervision from State,	275 00
From dog licenses,	171 55
From tuition fees of non-resident pupils,	76 50
Raised for repairs upon out-lying school houses,	100 00
Raised in 1906 for High school equipment,	100 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salaries of teachers,	\$2,448 72
Salary of Superintendent,	504 24
Care of buildings,	108 50
Fuel,	157 70
Conveyance of children,	815 00
Repairs,	88 93
Enumeration of children,	18 00
Equipment, maps, etc., and express,	110 32
Cleaning,	26 32
Tuition fees to Lee,	12 50

STATISTICS.

The statistics for the school year ending July 15, 1907, required by the State, are of general interest and may be studied with profit by every citizen :

Whole number of different pupils,	178
Boys,	87
Girls,	91
Whole number of different pupils over five years of age who have attended at least two weeks,	163
Boys,	81
Girls,	82
Number under five years of age,	1
Number over sixteen years of age,	13
Number between five and sixteen,	149
Average attendance in all schools,	127
Average absence in all schools,	19
Average membership in all schools,	146
Per cent. of attendance daily,	86.98
Number of pupils not absent or tardy,	3
Number of cases of tardiness,	517
Number attending parochial schools,	75
Number of visits by members of school board,	13
Number of visits by Superintendent,	183
Number of visits by citizens and others,	195

Enumeration of children by agent of School Board, September, 1907 :

Number of children between five and sixteen,	278
Boys,	128
Girls,	150
Number between ten and sixteen not able to read and write English,	6
Born in New Hampshire,	6
Number between eight and fourteen who do not regularly attend school,	0

ATTENDANCE TABLE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 15, 1907.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	Entire registration.	Boys.	Girls.	Average attendance.	Average absence.	Average membership.	Per cent. of attendance daily.	Number of tardinesses.	Number of pupils not absent or tardy.	Number of visits by Superintendent.	Number of visits by School Board.	Number of visits by parents and others.
High.....	Frederick T. Johnson..... Alice E. Wyman, Assistant..	18	6	12	16	1	17	92.39	137	1	32	3	24
Grammar.....	Flora M. Tuck.....	28	13	15	20	3	23	86.47	132	1	46	5	38
Intermediate....	Daisy E. Flanders..... Ella P. Brown, 1 term.....	47	25	22	36	5	41	88.11	141	1	42	2	35
Primary.....	Elsie M. Carter.....	46	23	23	26	5	31	82.64	99	0	38	1	51
West Epping....	Amy I. Hilliard, 1 term..... Sara D. Queeny, 2 terms.....	28	17	11	20	3	23	86.38	8	0	19	2	35
Prescott Road... Fall Term.	Grace Critchett.....	11	3	8	9	2	11	80.80	0	1	6	0	12

ATTENDANCE.

An examination of the foregoing figures will convince any one that the schools of Epping are falling far short in results of what ought to be achieved. With an average daily absence of more than one-eighth of the pupils, and with an average of three and one-half tardinesses for every pupil of the membership, no expert opinion is needed to show that your schools do not belong to the highest class. Every absence and every tardiness encouraged or permitted by parents except in case of necessity, forms part of a *training to bad habits*. Moreover, the whole class suffers by interruption of its work by every irregular pupil. While parents are primarily at fault, teachers cannot shed responsibility.

"As is the teacher, so is the school," applies with peculiar force to the matter of attendance. To the teacher falls the duty of molding and guiding public opinion in the school, and through the pupils of influencing opinion in the homes. The best results can come only through the co-operation of these two forces, the home and the school.

The following extracts from the laws of the State are inserted for the dissemination of useful information :

PUBLIC STATUTES, CHAPTER 93.

"SECTION 10. No child under the age of twelve years shall be employed in any manufacturing establishment. No child under the age of fourteen years shall be employed in any manufacturing establishment, or in any mechanical, mercantile, or other employment during the time in which the public schools are in session in the district in which he resides.

"SECT. 11. No child under the age of sixteen years shall be employed in any manufacturing establishment, or in any mechanical, mercantile, or other employment during the time in which the public schools are in session in the district in which he resides, without first presenting a statement of his age from his parent or guardian, sworn to before the superintendent of schools, or, if there is no superintendent of schools, before some person authorized by the school board of the district in which such child is employed.

"And no child under the age of sixteen years shall be employed as aforesaid during the time in which the public schools are in session in the district in which he resides without first presenting a certificate from the superintendent of schools, or, if there is no superintendent of schools, some person authorized by the school board, that such child can read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language. And any superintendent of schools or person authorized by the school board who certifies falsely as to matters prescribed by this section shall be fined not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for each offense.

"SECT. 13. If any owner, agent, superintendent, or overseer of a manufacturing, mechanical, or mercantile establishment or any other person shall employ any child in violation of the provisions of either of the three preceding sections, he shall be fined not exceeding fifty dollars for each offense, for the use or the district."

"SECT. 14. Every person having the custody and control of a child between the ages of eight and fourteen years, or of a child under the age of sixteen years, who cannot read at sight and write legibly simple sentences in the English language, residing in a school district in which a public school is annually taught, shall cause such child to attend the public school all the time such school is in session, unless the child shall be excused by the school board of the district because his physical or mental condition is such as to prevent his attendance at school for the period required, or because he was instructed in the English language in a private school approved by the school board for a number of weeks equal to that in which the public school was in session in the common English branches, or, having acquired those branches, in other more advanced studies. Any person who does not comply with the requirements of this section shall be fined ten dollars for the first offense and twenty dollars for every subsequent offense, for the use of the district."

Section 6 of the same chapter authorizes districts to make by-laws concerning habitual truants and children not attending school. Under this authority the school district of Epping adopted the following at its annual meeting, March 15, 1902 :

"Any child in this district between the ages of eight and sixteen

years, without a regular and lawful occupation, who shall, except in case of ill health, be absent from school for more than one day during the space of any one month, unless excused by the school board, shall be fined not exceeding ten dollars for each offense."

Section 7 provides that "Any offender against such by-laws, upon conviction, may be sentenced to pay a fine and to be committed to the industrial school until it is paid or he is otherwise discharged, or he may be sentenced to the industrial school for a term not exceeding one year."

Attention is directed to the fact that under Sections 10, 11 and 13, of the law quoted above, the parent has no more legal right to the labor of his child during school time than any other person. Section 14 recognizes no excuse for absence except mental or physical incapacity. Moreover, a pupil who is frequently tardy is not attending "all the time the school is in session."

Two complaints have been made under Section 14; one resulted in fining the parent for not sending his boy to school regularly, in the other case the parent left town suddenly and the warrant could not be served. One prosecution with conviction has occurred under the district by-law.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The following were not absent or tardy during the school year ending July 15, 1907:

High—Watson Ladd.

Grammar—Karl P. Mitchell.

Intermediate—Ruth Underhill.

BUILDINGS.

During the year, a heating system has been installed in the Academy building. Under proper care this is destined to contribute to the comfort of the schools. It is to be regretted that some method of ventilation was not combined with the heating. It is claimed that this heating apparatus is of sufficient size and power to warm the primary building if it were attached to the Academy building. It seems to me that the idea of moving the former is worthy of careful consideration and investigation.

CARE OF BUILDINGS. I urgently recommend a change in our method of caring for the village school buildings. A competent man should be employed constantly in term time. Various duties should be added to those now assigned to the janitor, some of which are now paid for as day labor, others that have not been performed. I name some of the work that should fall upon a permanent janitor :

School rooms should be heated to a comfortable temperature before the opening of the session in the morning and kept at an even temperature through the day.

Wood to be sawed and housed.

Rooms to be swept twice a week.

Entries, stairs, etc., to be swept daily.

Furniture to be kept clean and free from dust.

Yards to be kept free from rubbish, litter and weeds.

School-room floors to be washed every vacation.

Buildings to be thoroughly cleaned in the summer vacation.

Outhouses to be kept neat and clean.

Attend to all ordinary repairs, as setting glass, repairing desks, locks, keys, hinges, painting interior of out-buildings.

The work of the truant officer and of the agent of the school board in enumerating school children might be given to the janitor as a part of his regular duties.* I venture to say that an efficient man might be paid living wages at a very slight increase of expense, and the district be far better served.

REPAIRS. All of the school buildings are in need of some repairing. The West Epping building is in a deplorable condition ; the interior should be thoroughly renovated and re-constructed. A dilapidated, poorly kept schoolhouse always has a demoralizing influence upon the morals and manners of its occupants, and through them, upon the whole community.

The blackboards of most of the rooms demand attention ; some should be re-constructed, some re-surfaced, and others repaired.

I recommend that the district be asked to make a special appropriation for repairs, to be expended by the school board.

HIGH SCHOOL.

A High School is not recognized as such under the State law unless it has been approved by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as having a course of study and equipment reaching the standard prescribed by the statute.

The Superintendent visited our school last June, suggested some changes in the course and additions to the equipment, and approved the school for one year.

Pupils living in a town which does not maintain an approved High School may attend approved schools in other towns at the expense of the town in which they live. For this reason, if for no other, it is of great importance to the town of Epping that the efficiency of this school be maintained so that it may remain on the approved list.

Miss Russell, who had served as assistant faithfully and acceptably for three years, resigned after re-election, to accept a more lucrative position in Sanborn Seminary, Kingston. The vacancy was filled by the election of Miss Alice E. Wyman, a graduate of Bates College, with some experience as a teacher.

NON-RESIDENT PUPILS.

Our schools are becoming attractive to pupils of neighboring towns, and as they improve in efficiency we may expect that they will draw more pupils. We have at the present time one from Fremont and five from Brentwood.

I have collected for tuition fees since the matter was committed to my charge in September, 1907, \$76.50, and paid it into the district treasury.

CONVEYANCE OF CHILDREN.

Written contracts for conveyance of children to and from school have been executed with Samuel D. Pratt and William W. Woods. George E. Stevens, who had furnished conveyance for the children of Prescottt Road section, removed from town, and was succeeded by William S. Mason. It was believed that a written contract, specifying the duties, would be more likely to hold the parties to a

strict performance of them, than a mere verbal understanding. I regret that this expectation has not been fully realized.

I suggest that all such contracts should contain a penalty for the violation of any of their provisions.

SCHOOL SAVINGS BANK.

The system of School Savings, inaugurated in the Fall of 1906, has been continued with satisfactory results.

The records show the following conditions, February 1, 1908:

	Depositors.	Amount.
Primary,	9	\$36 37
Intermediate,	19	102 80
Grammar,	17	81 20
High,	10	115 75
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Total,	55	\$336 12

CONCLUSION.

I beg leave to express my appreciation of the cordial support I have received from your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHANNING FOLSOM,

Superintendent of Schools.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Epping, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1907.

Date	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still- born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 8	Walter	M	2	L	Carlo Nosenzo	Mary Barba	Italy	Italy.
31	Roderick W.	"	1	"	George Hebert	Florida Barnaby	Canada	Canada.
Feb. 10	Hercule A.	"	10	"	Hercule Lavoie	May Bouchant	Canada	Canada.
14	Carrie E.	F	2	"	Fred A. Spencer	Mildred A. Hoit	Epping	Concord.
17	Albert Romeo	M	11	"	Percey Fecteau	May Morrill	Canada	Plaisiow.
25	Mary Eva	F	8	"	Henry Bouchant	Josephine Jannelle	Canada	Benson, Vt.
26	Joseph Theodore	M	12	"	Joseph Gaerinn	Emma Currier	Canada	Canada.
26	Melvin Morris	"	1	"	John M. Rowe	Florence A. Morris	Brentwood	England.
14	Nordano Bruno	"	1	"	John Rapitti	Angeline Silena	Italy	Italy.
19	Chester A.	"	6	"	Byron B. Pratt	Alice Pender	Barre, Vt.	Northwood.
19	Herbert Eugene	"	1	"	Ernest R. Purington	Lottie Tarleton	Epping	Epping.
20	Daniel B.	"	11	"	Horace Davis	Mary E. Currier	Raymond	Strafford.
15	Herman Lester	"	5	"	Samuel D. Pratt	Addie Tyler	Manchester	Barrington.
18	Lucienne	F	6	"	Jacques Kobitaille	Angelina Hoyer	Canada	Canada.
25	Hazel Florence	"	5	"	Fred Pratt	Lizzie N. Tyler	Boston, Mass.	Barrington.
26	Walter E.	M	2	"	Chas. D. Purington	Minnie F. Sargent	Epping	Sandown.
27	Joseph Antoine	"	"	"	Joseph Pelletier	Arnestine Tremblay	Canada	Canada.
May 15	Joseph Alfred	"	11	"	J. Miguel Currier	Mary Ann Remillard	Canada	Canada.
16	Priscilla	F	1	"	Wm. R. Morris	Bernice Ladd	England	Epping.
22	Sadie	"	2	"	Asied Michale	Annie Corena	Syria	Syria.
5	Joseph Edward	M	9	"	Louis Gagnon	Savrotene Berube	Canada	Canada.
28	Lucian J.	"	6	"	Eugene Degangon	Aliza Richard	Canada	Canada.
29		F	9	"	Joseph Labrie	Rosa Caute	Canada	Canada.
July 4	Mary Beatrice	"	6	"	Napoleon Kirouac	Elladze Fontain	Canada	Canada.
Aug. 3	Joseph George	M	5	"	Joseph Pellerin	Adelie Aube	Canada	Canada.

Aug.	24	Henry Edward	M	3	L	Elmer Estes	M. Mary Clagg	Kennebunk, Me.	Lowell, Mass.
	26	Edith May	F	3	"	Arthur T. Payne	Edith S. Pike	Hartford, Conn.	Epping.
Sept.	31	May Ann P.	F	2	"	Harry W. Chase	Cora B. Healey	Henniker	Londonderry.
	14		"	5	"	Ovid Levesque	Emeline Hudon	Canada	Canada.
Oct.	30	Lilly Ann	"	1	"	Traflic C. Marcoux	Hermine Dupont	Canada	Canada.
	1	Walter George	M	1	"	George W. Purington	Blanche M. True	Epping	Brentwood.
	2	Paul Webster	"	2	"	Frank W. Pike	Alna L. Folsom	Epping	W. Sullivan, Me.
	4	Charles F.	"	4	"	Joel S. Judkins	Ida E. Raynolds	Kingson	Madbury.
	14	Ida Augusta	F	5	"	Justin G. Morrison	Maud Julia Glover	Madbury	Nottingham.
	21	Mary A.	"	15	"	Thomas White	Lucia Morrill	Canada	Canada.
Nov.	11	Alice Dora	"	5	"	Helrie Dare	Josephine Robitaille	Canada	Canada.
	20		"	5	"	Willie Canon	Rosie Chabanas	Canada	Canada.
	22	Helen Willey	F	4	"	Bertie L. Mitchell	Lillian M. Stebbins	Concord	Canada.
	22	Albert Joseph	M	3	"	Joseph St. John	Grace Sanborn	Derry	Fremont.
Dec.	11		F	6	"	Joseph Levesque	Emma Hebert	Canada	Canada.
	14		M	5	"	David Levesque	Floradelle Willet	Canada	Canada.
	17	Hattie May	F	2	"	Iva S. Magoon	Alice Cragin	Raymond	So. Berwick, Me.
	17	Hazel Bell	"	2	"	Charles E. Glover	Edna B. Hayes	Epping	Strafford.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Epping, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1907.

Date	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Mar. 20	Brentwood	Carroll A. Hill Grace A. Bunker	23 26	W "	Grafton Dutham	Rufus H. Hill James F. Bunker	1st "	Rev. E. B. Pike, Brentwood.
June 4	Epping	Jean Robitaille Rose Alna Parenteau	26 17	W "	Canada Canada	Mitchell Robitaille Joseph Parenteau	1st "	Rev. F. G. Deshaies, Epping.
24	Epping	Alfred G. Bernier Della Jacques	21 18	W "	Canada Canada	Alfred Bernier Alphonse Jacques	1st "	Rev. F. G. Deshaies, Epping.
Aug. 5	Epping	John F. Burden Blanche B. Wiggin	35 29	W "	St. John, N. B. Epping	Joseph Burden Daniel H. Wiggin	2d 1st	Rev. G. W. Jones, Epping.
Sept. 14	Epping	Arthur Tarlton Jennette Johnson	19 15	W "	Chester Epping	Oliver Tarlton Charles Johnson	1st "	George A. Gilmore, J.P. Epping.
Oct. 20	Epping	Joseph N. Muir Mabel E. Robinson	32 30	W "	Burlington, Vt. Exeter	David Muir James B. Robinson	1st "	Rev. Henry B. Copp, Kingston.
Dec. 14	Epping	Edwin A. Prescott Sarah F. Fieldsend	37 24	W "	Epping Brentwood	George G. Prescott Joshua Fieldsend	1st "	Rev. G. W. Jones, Epping.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Epping, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1907.

Date	Name and surname of Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.						
Feb. 9	Harriett L. Plummer	54		2		F	W		Robert Dame.	Annie Willey.
10	Hiram Tyler	77	11	14	Barrington	M	"		Samuel Tyler	Alice Boyle.
13	Alice McGlincy	78	9	9	Ireland	F	"		Michael McCabe	Betsey Johnson.
19	Dennis Johnson	80	5	1	Strafford	M	"		Stephen Johnson	Florence Morris.
29	Melvin M. Rowe			2	Epping	"	"		John M. Rowe	Jemima French.
Mar. 9	Wm. H. Johnson	69	11	1	Deerfield	"	"		W'm. Johnson	— Sesant.
13	Leonte Dumas	46		10	Canada	F	"		B. Levesque	
24	Aaron Hall	78			Exeter	M	B			
28	George S. Thompson	61	1	5		"	W		Levi Thompson	Climena Rundlett.
April 9	Lydia F. Fieldsend	61	9	3	Exeter	F	"		George W. Fuller	Dorothy M. Morse.
9	— Russell			1	Fremont	M	"		Henry Russell	Leda Fourner.
26	Hazel Florence Pratt			2	Epping	F	"		Fred D. Pratt	Lizzie N. Tyler.
27	Roger Pratt			3	Epping	M	"		Fred D. Pratt.	Lizzie N. Tyler.
28	Mary L. M. Lavalliere	24	10	22	Plaistow	F	"		Eteind Morrill	Lucy Bouchard.
May 15	Joseph A. Currier	60	8	5	Epping	M	"		Joseph M. Currier	Mary Ann Remillard.
27	Alvin R. Thompson	60	8	5	Epping	"	"		Robert Thompson	Sarah Ann Rundlett.
June 3	Maria M. Smith	74	6		Eastford, Conn.	F	"		Manning Mumford.	
7	Elizabeth A. Edgerly	75	4	6	Epping	"	"		Abraham Plumer	
28	Lucena A. Macdonald	50		14	Barnstable, Ms.	"	"		Edwin Fish	
Aug. 16	Sophia B. Johnson	60			Wilmington, Ms	"	"		Hiram Bancroft.	
Sept. 14	Mary L. Labrie			2	Epping	"	"		Joseph Labrie	
Oct. 3	Jasper A. Reynolds	76			Newfields	M	"			
Nov. 6	George H. Pike	56	3	15	Newmarket	"	"		Robert Pike	Lavina E. Prescott.
16	Joseph E. Tarlton	21	5		Chester	"	"		O. H. Tarlton.	
17	Mary L. Barker	37	3	17	Raymond	F	"		Andrew W. Locke	Sarah Wallace.
21	Cora B. Wells	25	2	12	Newmarket	"	"		Benj. F. Witham	Emma Willey.
Dec. 2	Lovell B. Smith	57	2	2	Brentwood	M	"		John Smith	Sophia P. Darrah.
14	Ruth N. Beede	68	8	11	Winslow, Me.	F	"		John Nichols	Sarah Osborne.

